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METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED

FOR SAID METHOD

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$270.00. This refund is to be credited to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Specifically, Applicants filed a Continuation Application on July 31, 2001, wherein the required fee for 18 claims (inclusive of eight (8) independent claims, and no multiply dependent claims) was provided (see the Letter to Commissioner dated July 31, 2001, and reconciled check no. 178801, attached). However, a multiple claim fee was charged to Applicants by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (see the Monthly Statement of Deposit dated August 31, 2001, attached). As no multiple dependent claims were included in the Continuation Application, Applicants now request that a refund of the multiple claim fee be credited to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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